of GDP and tax/GDP ratio for the Centre during the Ninth Five Year Plan period are as follows:

Year	Fiscal deficit as per cent of GDP	Tax/GDP ratio
1997-1998	4.8	9.1
1998-1999	5.1	8.2
1999-2000	5.4	8.8
2000-2001	5.7	9.0
2001-2002(RE)	5.7	8.5

(c) The endeavour of the Government is to reduce the fiscal deficit through a combination of measures to enhance tax revenue and raise non-tax revenue through appropriate changes in user charges wherever possible and contain non-plan revenue expenditure.

Financial aid to States

3724. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by Government to the States for developmental work during the last three years;

(b) whether the aforesaid amount has been utilised by each State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The total amount released by the Ministry of Finance to States, under their allocation for State Plan, during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount
1999-2000	30633.75
2000-2001	32664.39
2001-2002	36617.37

(b) and (c) The State Governments are accountable to their State Legislature for proper utilisation of funds through State Audit Report prepared by the C&AG of India under Article 151(2) of the Constitution. However, if there is shortfall in Plan expenditure as against approved/revised plan outlay, a proportionate cut is made from the Central assistance released to the States.

Co-operative banks in rural areas

3725. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of co-operative banks set up so far in the country as on 31st March, 2002, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more co-operative banks in the rural areas of the country;

(c) if so, the location-wise/State-wise/district-wise details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The State-wise details of the co-operative banks set up in the country, as reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), so far as on 31st March, 2002 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) RBI has recently revised the licensing policy and under the new licensing policy urban co-operative bank can be set up in